also despatched by road to supplement the rail supplies to meet the demand of industrial units. Railways endeavour to allot and supply wagons as per offer made by coal companies. However, due to reasons of undue detention of wagons by consumers, long leads, etc. wagon availability at times becomes low. This problem is being resolved by Railways by making efforts to reduce turn-around-time of wagons, and improving availability of wagons.

[*English*]

Reservation Facilities on any IA Flights

3558. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have any plan to enable air passengers to get reservation on any Indian Airlines flight from any place in the country at the eleventh hour; and

(b) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) With the reinduction of the A-320 fleet, Indian Airlines will be increasing the seat capacity offered. It will be the constant endeavour of Indian Airlines to offer capacity that would meet the traffic demand, subject of course to traffic potential and commercial viability justifying it.

Increase in Air Passengers

3559. SHRI PRAKASH BAPU VASANTRAO PATIL: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total expected increase in air passengers in the country during the next three years and how the Government proposed to cater their needs;

(b) the expected shortage of capacity in comparison to demand in different sectors; and

(c) the time by which the Government propose to have enough capacity to meet the demand in full?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) As compared to 98.5 lakh passengers carried in 1989-90, Indian Airlines carried 78.4 lakh passengers in 1990-91 mainly because of the grounding of the A320 fleet. Indian Airlines is likely to carry about 95 lakh passengers in the current year (1991-92). The increase in demand over the current year is expected to be of the order of 10 lakh passengers every year over the next three years so that Indian Airlines may carry about 125 lakh passengers by 1994-95. With the full utilisation of the eighteen A320 aircraft currently in its fleet and twelve more A320 aircraft to be acquired in 1993 and 1994, it should be possible for Indian Airlines to cope with this demand.

Supply of Coal to Industries

3560. SHRI RAJENDRA KUMAR SHARMA: Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated demand and supply of coal to the industries during the last two years;

(b) the loss to the industries due to short supply of coal; and

(c) the steps taken by the Government to improve the supply of coal?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (SHRI S.B. NYAMAGOUDA): (a) The estimated demand and supply of coal to other industries (other than steel, cement and fertilizer industries) during last 2 years is as follows:

(data provision)
(in million tonnes)

Year	*Demand*	*Offtake of coal*	*Satisfaction (percentage)*
1989-90	39.70 (1.70)	34.55	87%
1990-91	40.10 (1.27)	39.12	97.5%

(Figures in brackets indicate washery middling).

(b) The Ministry of Coal has no quantified information regarding losses to industries due to short supply of coal.

(c) Government have taken steps to increase coal production by opening new mines, using appropriate technology, and improving productivity; and to increase despatches by improving Railway wagon availability.